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ADOG

Ruff cut

*Volunteers, town officials snip ribbon
at Agawam's new dog park*

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When the community room at the Agawam Public Library was packed five years ago on a request by Agawam resident Scott Milliken, he had no idea it would actually lead to a brand new dog park.

Last Saturday morning, members of ADOG, the Agawam Dog Owners Group, combined with town officials and dog lovers throughout the community to cut the ribbon on the Agawam Dog Park at Shea Field.

The Stanton Foundation donated more than \$205,000 toward

the project's design and construction. ADOG raised \$11,185 for the park, the Community Preservation Act provided \$14,145 and the town's annual Berkshire Power grants covered \$9,255. The total cost of the dog park was nearly \$240,000.

The dog park was built between April and July, and had a "soft opening" later in July.

Last Saturday was the ceremonial ribbon cutting and grand opening. Mayor Richard Cohen said projects like this are the best kind.

"This is something that happened without the use of any tax-

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RIGHT: Kate Berry, 8, holds her dog Madison, before entering the dog park. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



The ribbon is cut on the new dog park.

CPA

Fund marks its 15th year

*Tax surcharge supports
open space, historical,
housing projects*

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For members of the CPA Committee, School Street Park and the new Dog Park aren't the only reasons to celebrate this year.

The board's chairman, Henry Kozloski, recently received a statewide recognition. And it's the 15th anniversary of Agawam's adoption of the local-option Community Preservation Act, a 1 percent surcharge on residents' and businesses' property tax that feeds a fund for community projects in town. In addition to the tax revenues, the fund receives an annual contribution from the state government.

Kozloski, one of the original proponents of bringing the CPA to Agawam this summer was given one of the 2015 Kuehn Community Preservation Awards, which honors the work of Robert H. Kuehn. Kozloski was looked at as a champion of the CPA program and a leader for the committee through the program's 15 years. He had previously served on the town Conservation Commission.

From his very first project putting in a plaque along Main Street, to the Thomas Smith House, to School Street Park, all the way to the Agawam Dog Park, which was feted last weekend, Kozloski says every project, big and small, has great importance.

"The bottom line is every project that we have approved has somehow benefited the people of Agawam," said Kozloski. "That is the most important part about

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ROTARY CLUB

'Lucky' rewards on first Monday of new school year

By Mike Lydick
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"Wow," exclaimed 6-year-old Xavier Pittsinger as he opened a red backpack filled with various school supplies. "It's new and I like it a lot. I'm so happy to get it."

The first grader at Granger School was among several dozen Agawam elementary students who received backpacks donated

by the Agawam Rotary Club. Several club members travelled to Granger, Clark, Phelps, and Robinson Park schools this past Monday morning to distribute nearly 140 backpacks.

Students who had exhibited extraordinary positive behavior during school were eligible to receive the backpacks. Their names were drawn randomly by the principal at each school.

When the students arrived in the schools' cafeterias they were greeted by Agawam Rotary Club President Madeline Lopez, School Superintendent William Sapelli, and Rotarians Robert Magovern, George Bitzas, Michele Calvanese,

Dave and Barbara Delancy. They told students to pick out a backpack they wanted.

'My lucky day'

"This is my lucky day — I never win anything," said Karlee Randall, 9, a fourth grader at Clark School. "Today, I got a backpack and some cool school supplies. I liked the way it was done."

She added that she was "very excited" when she saw all the backpacks in "pretty colors" lined up on a table. Karlee picked out a light blue one that matched her lunchbox.

Lopez, the manager for the Agawam branch of Westfield Sav-

ings bank, said giving away the backpacks to schoolchildren was the organization's annual service project. She said supporting education is one of the six Rotary areas of focus that qualifies for a district grant.

This was the first time the club has distributed backpacks to students. Many other clubs around the country distribute backpacks annually, but Lopez couldn't say for certain if the Agawam club would do this on a regular basis. She said each year the president determines the club's annual service project.

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LEFT: Xavier Pittsinger, 6, a first grader at Granger School, was thrilled to get a new, red backpack filled with school supplies from the Agawam Rotary Club. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK



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Preventing running injuries topic of Oct. 5 program

The Pioneer Valley Women's Running Club will host "Preventing Running Injuries" at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Kristin Fiola, a physical therapist with ProEx Physical Therapy and an active runner, will be the speaker for the program. The presentation will cover the use of dynamic warmups, post-run stretching and cross training to help prevent some of the common injuries to feet, knees, hips and back. Fiola, who is licensed to practice in Massachusetts and Connecticut, has been a practicing physical therapist since 2008. She received both her physical therapy degree and a doctor of physical therapy from Boston University.

"The Pioneer Valley Women's Running Club is a nonprofit, with a mission to support women walkers and runners by serving as a resource for race and training information of interest to our members," said Michele Lafleur, club president.

In addition to offering speakers of interest, the club also offers scholarships to high school seniors, weekly group walk and run opportunities, and periodic walk-run clinics.

More information can be found at pvwrc.org, facebook.com/pvwrc, or by emailing pvwrc1@gmail.com.

Memory of 9/11 serves 2 purposes

Fire chief: Honor victims and first responders; also teach next generation

By Michael J. Ballway
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Standing on a sidewalk along Main Street last Friday, town officials discussed where they were when they heard about the terror attacks on that same day in 2001. Like most Americans old enough to hold public office, they'll never forget what they were doing that morning. The passage of time doesn't dull that pain.

At the town's Sept. 11 memorial service, however, there may have been one or two present who couldn't share that frame of reference.

"This fire department, like many others across the nation, will soon be staffed by firefighters who have no memory of what happened 14 years ago," noted Fire Chief Alan Sirois in his remarks at the morning ceremony, held at the town's Sept. 11 memorial monument, outside Fire Department Headquarters. "My most junior firefighter would have been only seven years old when the World Trade Center towers fell and our nation's capital was attacked. At the time, he likely had no idea what this event meant or how it would change our nation and our world."

At the ceremony, Sirois and two clergymen spoke, and retired Agawam Firefighter Ray Pond tolled the "four fives," the traditional New York Fire Department bell code that marks the death of a firefighter, on a fire bell supplied by Deputy Chief B.J. Calvi.

Pastor Tim Reed of Bethany Assembly of God said it's important to remember 9/11 for the first responders' courage and compassion.

"The men and women who served in this capacity are worthy of our greatest respect and honor," Reed said. "And when they fall, as they did on 9/11, they should never be forgotten. ... Jesus Christ himself is recorded as saying: 'There is no greater way to show your love than to lay down your life for a friend.' The fallen heroes of 9/11 exhibited that kind of love and compassion. The New York City firefighters, police officers and other first responders did not know the people who were trapped in the Twin Towers, but without hesitation or thought to their own safety, did what was required of them and risked their lives to rescue others."

The Rev. Bill Hamilton, the Fire Department's chaplain, said Americans should take hope from the "extraordinary acts of



Retired Firefighter Ray Pond tolls the "four fives," a New York Fire Department salute to fallen firefighters, on a vintage fire bell at the town's Sept. 11 memorial ceremony last week. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Fire Chief Alan Sirois leads his department in saluting the flag.

faith, compassion and patriotism" shown by first responders and ordinary citizens in the minutes, hours and days after the terrorist attacks.

The monument, designed by Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas, consists of two granite blocks cut to the same propor-

tions as the World Trade Center towers, and a flagpole on a five-sided base symbolizing the Pentagon, which was also attacked by airplanes hijacked by al-Qaeda. According to Bitzas, it was built with no taxpayer money and was the first 9/11 memorial to be installed in Western Massachusetts.

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Humason announces \$247,300 in cultural grants

BOSTON — State Sen. Don Humason, R-Westfield, announced that the Massachusetts Cultural Council has awarded grants totaling \$247,300 to cultural organizations, schools and communities in the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District. The Agawam Cultural Council received \$11,600.

This year’s grant awards include funds totaling \$131,100 between the 11 local cultural councils of the communities in the district. Each municipality’s cultural council utilizes these funds to offer grant opportunities for artistic and cultural initiatives, including school field trips, local historical offerings, and community-based arts events. Additionally, \$116,200 has been granted directly to organizations in the district.

“I was proud to offer my support for the Massachusetts Cultural Council once again in the commonwealth’s annual budget, because each year I see the organizations that provide the wide array of cultural and artistic offerings in our com-

munities thriving. These grant funds support that growth and allow for expanded development in our local economies,” said Humason. “I look forward to seeing the programming and events supported by these funds enjoyed by residents and visitors across the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District.”

During the fiscal 2016 budget deliberations, Humason cosponsored a bipartisan amendment to the Senate budget that provided a \$2 million increase to the Cultural Council. This funding level was included in the state’s final fiscal 2016 budget.

The 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District consists of Agawam, Easthampton, Granville, Holyoke, Montgomery, Russell, Southampton, Southwick, Tolland and Westfield, and part of Chicopee.

Constituents may contact Humason at his district office at 64 Noble St., Westfield, 413-568-1366, or his Boston office, State House, Room 213A, 617-722-1415. His email is Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov.

Ballot order set for Nov. election

Challengers will be mixed in with incumbents on the town’s Nov. 3 ballot. The town clerk’s office determined the ballot positions in a random drawing held Sept. 9.

The candidates are listed below in order of appearance on the ballot, and using the names they will appear under on the ballot. An asterisk (*) denotes incumbents.

Mayor: Richard A. Cohen*. The mayor is unopposed on the ballot, although a challenger, William Clark, is running a write-in campaign.

City Council: Bob Alves, James P. Cichetti*, Gina M. Letellier*, Robert E. Rossi*, Samuel S. DiSanti Jr., Dennis J.

Perry*, Anthony R. Suffriti*, Cecilia P. Calabrese*, Christopher C. Johnson*, George Bitzas*, Corinne M. Wingard, Michele Ann Calvanese, Robert A. Magovern, Donald M. Rheault*, Joseph Mineo*, Paul C. Cavallo* and Richard M. Theroux. Voters will be asked to choose 11 from this field of 17.

School Committee: Wendy T. Rua*, Carmino J. Mineo*, Anthony C. Bonavita*, Brian A. Burbank, Roberta G. Doering*, Diane M. Juzba*, Shelley M. Borgatti-Reed*. Voters will be asked to choose six of this seven.

Statements from the candidates will be printed in next week’s Agawam Advertiser News.

Scout recruiting night slated for Sept. 22

Cub Scout Pack 77, Boy Scout Troop 77 and Venture Crew 77 will host a recruitment night from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at St. John’s Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. Cub Scouts are boys in kindergarten through fifth grade, Boy Scouts are boys ages 11 to 17 and Venture Scouts are both

boys and girls ages 14 to 20.

For more information on Cub Scouts, contact Stacy at 413-636-8667 or Jeff at 413-575-6905. For Boy Scouts, contact David at 413-786-0234, and for Venture Scouts, contact Sherry at 413-786-0234.

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Opinion

Feeling like fall, watching for winter

Road crews are scrambling to take advantage of the last moments of construction season, youth and varsity football teams are rounding into regular season form, seemingly every church in town is planning some sort of harvest fair, all of a sudden it's almost too chilly to leave the windows open at night, and there's an occasional whiff of ... what do they call that jacket season again? ... autumn in the air.

Autumn would be the best season of all if it didn't have to end, although it must be admitted that some folks love winter in New England — the skiers and skaters, for instance. There don't seem to be many others. Probably plow drivers have mixed feelings, driving for days and nights on end while racking up overtime.

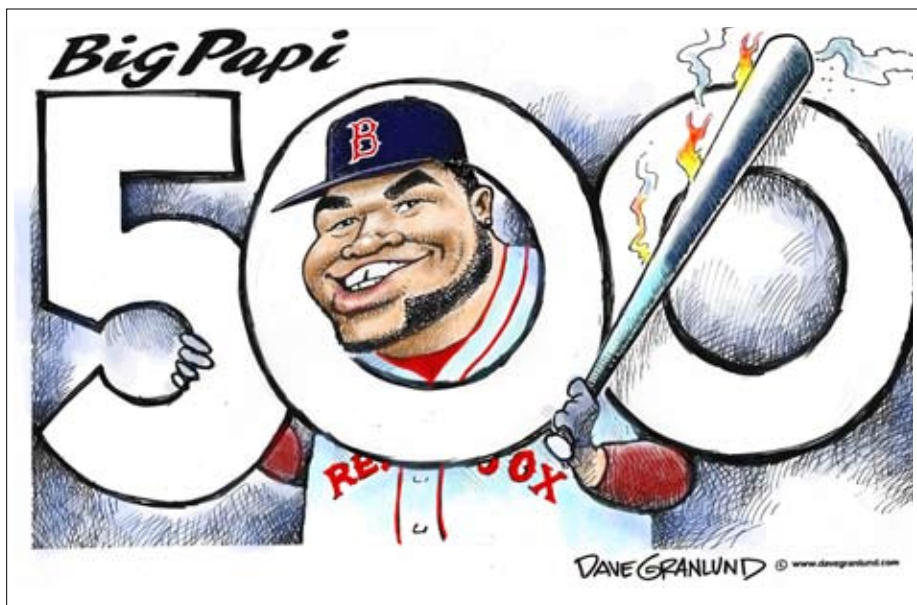
The mornings are darker now and the sun sets earlier as another summer solstice fades from memory. Fall doesn't start until Sept. 23 this year, but for all practical purposes it's already here. According to folklore, each foggy morning in August was a harbinger of a snowstorm to come. Other folk prognosticators include the woolly bear caterpillar, which some say indicates the severity of the winter to come by the length of its fur, and others by the width of its center brown rings. Most people catch only a glimpse of them crawling across the pavement before they disappear under the wheels, making measurement difficult. In any case, tests of the woolly bear's accuracy have been inconclusive.

Other predictors include the thickness of animal fur. Bears are getting shaggy as they rummage for acorns and prepare for hibernation, but actual measurement of fur depth isn't recommended. The family dog might be a better choice. Some prognosticators might also spend some quality time watching squirrels and birds laying up supplies — the busier they are, the more likely a long winter will ensue. The thickness of acorn shells and corn husks are also supposed to provide reliable indicators of future weather — the thicker they are, the worse the winter to come. And hornets, wasps and bees building nests higher in the trees than usual are also said to be reliable weather prophets, as are migrating birds which, in their wisdom, may head south early if they sense the approach of Arctic air.

The Farmers Almanac expects a winter much like the last one, which it forecast accurately last year, at least here in the Northeast. That is not good news. There were back-to-back snowstorms and months of unrelenting cold. The almanac claims its method, first conceived in 1792, has an average accuracy rate of 80 percent, and in fact it out-predicted the National Weather Service last year, which expected a milder than usual winter, but didn't take the polar vortex into account.

There is one ray of hope, however: Somewhere out in the Pacific Ocean, a pocket of warm water called El Nino is forming, a phenomenon that usually results in milder though wetter winters around here. Whether the additional precipitation will fall as rain or snow is anybody's guess, but heating bills, at least, might be lower — barring a polar vortex, of course.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.



JAY SPEAKS

U.S. Open and memories

I watched the three other Grand Slam tournaments, Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon, with a little fervor. However, I have been truly "hooked" with the U.S. Open these past two weeks. I don't have a good reason why, but perhaps it is because it has been the only one I attended, and sat in the various venues, ate at the different food facilities, and mingled with the crowds.

Although I grew up playing all the sports — football, basketball, baseball, hockey, track and tennis — tennis is the one I enjoyed the most and excelled in. I played it in high school and was successful in many tournaments. Then along came World War II and then admittance to college.

Suddenly I discovered that there was an entire species of humanity called Women. I forgot how to play tennis. I did not play it in college and upon graduating I learned a little bit about golf as it applies to business dealings.

Then I was married and beginning a family. As the children grew, I attempted to introduce them to all manner of sports. However, their collective interest seemed to be in the outdoor sports of hiking, camping, skiing, canoeing and the like.

Once they began to leave the home, I began to get back to tennis. I picked up the sport just as it began to give way to golf. I belonged to tennis clubs in Wilbraham, Agawam, Enfield and Longmeadow. It seemed that not too long after I joined, they closed up shop.

Was there a message there?

At any rate, during that period, Kitty and I attended a lot of tennis tournaments. We went to Worcester and watched most of the big names play. Then we went to Vermont to one of the mountain resorts and watched a great tournament. Even saw a guy with my name play (Jay Berger). We went to Flushing Meadows for a couple of

U.S. Opens, and then went to Boston for an introduction to team tennis.

After parking our car, we began the walk to the Auditorium and fell into step with Billie Jean King, who was walking her dog. She regaled us with stories of her match with Bobby Riggs. It was the biggest thing in sports for quite a while. Riggs was quite the macho guy and thought that there was no female tennis player who could defeat him. Billie Jean challenged him and went on to demolish Riggs.

My own tennis journey continued. When on a business trip, I carried my racket over my shoulder on to the plane. Some other tennis player would notice it and made certain that he sat next to me so we could chat about tennis. It was always easy to get a game no matter where you went, on business, pleasure, or just for fun.

When Kitty and I retired, we spent part of the winter in Marco Island, Fla. That is a tennis empire all by itself. My good friend Gabe coordinated a lot of the games. The competition was good and all was well until ... I needed knee replacement surgery. They were so bad. I had let them go too long and surgery was successful, but my surgeon cautioned me about trying to go back to tennis. The sudden starts, stops and quick turns might bring me back to surgery.

I became a bicycle enthusiast. No weight on the knees. And I watch a lot of tennis as a fan of the game.

The U.S. Open this year brought a lot of new young players into the top echelons of the game. I look forward to my interest in tennis continuing.

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.



Jay Berger

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The Agawam Advertiser News welcomes readers to participate in the town election campaign by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing specific candidates or discussing local campaign issues should be sent to Agawam Advertiser News, 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030, faxed to 413-786-8457 or emailed to aan@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No letters will be printed in the last

week before the election (edition of Oct. 29). For more information, call Michael J. Ballway or Teri Machia at 413-786-7747.

Candidate statements next week

In next week's edition, the newspaper will print statements supplied by candidates about their campaigns. Every candidate on the Nov. 3 ballot was invited in August to participate in this feature. The deadline for candidates to submit statements was Sept. 16.

In addition to the candidate statements, the newspaper will cover the election through staff-written stories about debates, controversies and political issues, where appropriate.

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Letters to the Editor

Feeding Hills Center a big safety problem

I am responding to the Agawam Advertiser News Sept. 3 article that highlights Feeding Hills Center as being one of the five most dangerous intersections in town ("Rotary Still Tops List for Dangerous Intersection in Town," page 1). After reading this report, I fail to understand how the Agawam Zoning and Planning boards could find it acceptable to allow Ralph DePalma to construct buildings that will house a Dunkin' Donuts drive-through, a Holyoke Credit Union drive-through and an undesignated professional building at that already highly congested and dangerous location.

In the Feeding Hills Center Transportation and Safety Study of March 2007, it notes numerous accidents (nearly 50 percent are due to "angle-type" collisions) have occurred in that area, approximately 13 per year.

Inefficient intersection design, heavy truck traffic and vehicles originating from Route 57 are key reasons for such accidents. Further, the plethora of stores already operating in this area generate constant in and out traffic onto those busy roadways.

I care deeply for the children of Agawam, and consequently I ask Mayor Cohen, in his capacity as chairperson of the Agawam School Committee, to scrutinize what impact this new development (and any others yet to be conceived) will have on the area's student population, specifically Granger School and Agawam Junior High School students who walk home in that area. I would urge the mayor to speak with the many crossing guards whose job it is to protect those students, and who frequently must deal with drivers who are in a hurry, distracted or simply fail to stop.

Almost daily I find myself waiting at the Feeding Hills Center traffic lights, and I attest to seeing such actions on a far too regular basis. Consequently, I believe we already have a real safety problem

that does not need to be exacerbated by additional development. I sincerely invite Mayor Cohen to comment in this public forum on this specific safety concern.

The Agawam Advertiser News noted Feeding Hills traffic problems will be addressed in 2017. You must realize this means we have at least two more years of deplorable traffic problems and safety issues, soon to be compounded with the latest development.

Some will say we cannot impede economic development and claim the right of individuals or corporate entities to engage in commercial endeavors. It is true we are a town governed by laws and abiding by these serves the greater good. A healthy economy does benefit us, but citizens must come together and agree on reasonable expectations and mutually beneficial boundaries. In the case of Feeding Hills Center, I propose the area reached commercial saturation even before the latest development was approved. Public hearings on this issue failed to stop the development. And as such we will soon have four banks, another fast food establishment and an unknown building in amazingly close proximity to each other. Do our residents really need this or is this just another instance of a developer who simply wants it?

I write this letter to reach out to our residents and ask as a compassionate and caring people we closely examine values versus valuation. Carefully consider who you vote for and who these people ultimately appoint to positions of power — they direct the future of Agawam.

It is my hope the three Feeding Hills abutters who are currently involved in litigation to eliminate or greatly hamper drive-through capacity will succeed. Continuous development of Feeding Hills Center benefits pocketbooks more than populace.

Pamela Jacobsen
Feeding Hills

Victims of Sept. 11 should never be forgotten

Our town held again a solemn ceremony at our Sept. 11 memorial in front of the Agawam Fire Department. We have had this ceremony for 14 years to honor and remember all those innocent people who lost their lives and those policemen and firemen who also lost their lives trying to save others on that terrible day.

I hope our town and our nation will continue the remembrance ceremonies and we should never forget the 3,000 people who lost

their lives during the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

We live in the best country in the world. Our nation must put politics aside, be united as one and make our country better and stronger for the next generation, a country to be respected by all the nations and feared by those who want to harm us. We must be prepared and not allow another Sept. 11.

George Bitzas
Agawam City Councilor

Parking ban bad for School Street residents

I just read the article in the Agawam Advertiser concerning the possible permanent ban on parking along the entire length of School Street ("Neighbors' Views Sought on Parking," Sept. 10, page 2). This is unbelievable.

My husband and I went to one of the first meetings concerning the bike path on School Street, while the process was still in the early planning stages. I told the engineer in charge that we have a large family and frequently entertain. I specifically asked him where my guests would park. He told me that we will still be able to park on the street, as always, and that the users of the bike path would just go around our guest's vehicles.

Well, we still have a large family and we still entertain frequently. Where will our guests park now? We already lost five feet of our driveway.

School Street has become the entertainment capital of Agawam. We've had to deal with a significant increase in fast moving cars on our street, but there is very little or no

increase in bike or foot traffic since the bike path was built. Now, the council would like us to stop using our own street? How would you feel if someone told you that no one can park in front of your house? What about graduation parties, birthday parties, cookouts?

We have had to deal with the town's poor planning before in the 40-plus years that we have lived here. The bike path is still only half-finished and the company has mysteriously disappeared. Driving down the eastern part of the road is like riding on the Connecticut River in a boat. Our lawns were left with large rocks and crabgrass.

Cecelia Calabrese, how are we supposed to respond to a question that no one has bothered to ask us? Well, you have a response now.

I sincerely hope before the council passes this silly ordinance that you ask yourselves how you would feel about not allowing your guests to park on your own street.

Carol Moccio
Agawam

Voices were heard on Catholic H.S.

When the Most Rev. Bishop Rozanski announced his intention to merge Holyoke Catholic High School with Cathedral High School, many people had questions, concerns, doubts and yes, even some anger, over the feeling that this decision was made arbitrarily, unilaterally and without input from key stakeholders such as students, parents of current and prospective students, faculty, staff and members of the surrounding communities.

Many people, such as Cynthia

Montano from West Springfield, who wrote a letter to the editor titled "Voices Need to Be Heard on School's Location" in the Sept. 10 edition of the Agawam Advertiser News, quite frankly don't seem to have all the facts and seem to feel that the bishop is continuing to act in a vacuum, which couldn't be further from the truth.

The bishop conducted open forum meetings and invited the pub-

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam

- A. Roll call
- B. Moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Citizen's speak time
- D. Minutes
- 1. Regular council meeting – Sept. 8, 2015
- E. Declaration from council president
- F. Presentation of Petitions and Resolutions
 - 1. TR-2015-37- A Resolution requesting the installation of "No Parking" signs along School Street (Mayor) (Referred to Community Relations Committee) (Tabled 9/8/15) (Letter of notification sent to residents on 9/11/15)
 - 2. TR-2015-42- A Resolution to modify, suspend and/or revoke the Weekly Amusement Permit/License of the Main Street Still, Inc. located at 858 Suffield St., Agawam, MA (Council)
- G. Report of council committees
- H. Elections
- I. Public hearings
- J. Old business
 - 1. TO-2015-40- Ordering granting or renewing a Junk Dealer's Permit for Agawam Coin and Gold, 270 Main St., Agawam (flea market) (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
 - 2. TO-2015-41- Budgetary Transfer of \$29,981.97 (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
 - From: Assessor Regular Permanent (#11371-51010) \$29,831.97
 - Assessor Longevity (#11371-51400) \$150.00
 - To: Community Development Regular Permanent \$29,831.97 (#11801-51010)
 - Community Development Longevity \$150.00 (#11801-51400)
 - 3. TO-2015-42- Budgetary Transfer of \$5,028.45 (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
 - From Admin Bldg for Utilities c/o (#11229-52110) \$2,835.14
 - Line Items Previous Years Bills (#16602-57501) \$2,193.31
 - To: Golf Food Holdover (#65269-52220) \$2,193.31
 - Golf Electricity and Heat Holdover (#65269-52110) \$2,835.14
 - 4. TOR-2015-8- An Ordinance amending the Code of the Town of Agawam creating the position of Public Access Studio Manager (Mayor) (1 of 2 Readings) (Referred to Legislative Committee).
 - K. New business: Unavailable at press time
 - L. Any other matter that may legally come before the city council
- Adjournment

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Moment of Silence
- 3. Roll Call of Attendance
- 4. Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 5. Citizen's Speak Time:
- 6. Highlights on Education: Presentation of new staff
- 7. Superintendent's Notes:
- 8. Student Advisory Committee Representative update
- 9. Unfinished Business: None
 - a. SCR-15-14, Acceptance of a \$2,500 donation from the Rays of Compassion for Children & Family to the Aspire Program at Agawam High School
 - b. SCR-15-15, Approval of the Insurance Center of New England Scholarship
 - c. SCR-15-16, Approval to establish the Anime Club at the AJHS as an extracurricular activity with an advisor
- 10. Business Meeting:
 - a. Routine Matters
 - 1) Approval of Minutes
 - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
 - b. Warrants/Transfers
 - c. Reports:
 - 1). Scheduled Reports:
 - Personnel update (paper report)
 - New track update
 - 2). Subcommittee Updates
 - 12. New Business:
 - a. SCR-15-17, Approval of the Let's Gogh Art after-school program at Granger School
 - b. SCR-15-18, Approval of MASC voting and alternate delegates
 - c. SCR-15-19, MASC Resolutions
 - d. SCR-15-20, Approval of AHS graduation ceremony at Symphony Hall on Sunday, June 5, 2016
 - 12. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
 - 13. Adjournment

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lic, prospective families, current families, etc. One issue that I (and others) raised was the belief that this merger was happening too quickly. Merging two operating budgets, overlap with subject teachers, areas for sports, transportation, choosing a location and having it ready, and settling on tuition for the school year 2015-16 seemed impossible. We strongly expressed that to the bishop, Mr. Mark Dupont, director of communications for the diocese, the transition team headed by Dr. Paul Gagliarducci and members of the outside consulting firm hired to assist with the merger. I can personally tell you from my experience that every one of these people are accessible through email, social media or regular mail including the best position of all, the director of communications from the outside firm who is available, interested, open-minded and takes suggestions, comments, ideas, etc., to the transition team and the bishop.

But if you're anything like me, I needed to see proof that they were listening to our voices and not just nodding their heads. That proof came within days when a letter was issued by Dr. Gagliarducci announcing the merger had been put on hold for a year to deal with the many issues raised by stakeholders. They heard our voices and trust me, they want that to continue. After I personally wrote to the bishop expressing my suggestions and concerns, I received a handwritten note back offering to get together and meet to talk if ever the transition team wasn't responding to my needs.

But by far the greatest example of hearing our voices was regarding Ms. Montano's concern about transportation. I wholeheartedly agree with her that Surrey Road is not an ideal location. So I was thrilled when the bishop announced that it is the intention of the diocese to provide transportation from a central location in as many of the surrounding towns as possible. For example, in West Springfield, the geographic center or as close to it as possible, would be determined and you will only have to drop your student off at that location to get on a bus to go to Surrey Road (see announcement letter from Bishop Rozanski dated June 21, 2015). Again, they heard our voices, they knew that enrollment could be a problem if they did not provide transportation and again, they listened, but more important, addressed our concern and provided a solution.

Therefore, it is not accurate to state that "this location will prevent many students from having the opportunity of a Catholic secondary education, and it will be an increased hardship/cost for those who decide to attend this location," as Ms. Montano stated in her letter, since the diocese will be providing transportation.

I am ecstatic to be the one to let you and others know, Ms. Montano, that transportation will not be a hindrance to anyone from the surrounding towns getting to Surrey Road. I also strongly encourage that instead of creating a sub-communication group, you go directly to the bishop, Dr. Gagliarducci, anyone on the transition team or with the outside consulting firm.

Trust me, they will hear your voice. They will address your concerns. They want to hear what we have to say and I believe the two examples above demonstrate they are proving that to us with actions and not just with lip service. They desperately want to build the best regional Catholic high school and they want to get as many students there as easily and cost-free as possible. But they need all of us to work together and express suggestions and concerns within the framework they've worked so hard to build and not to create additional layers of communication bureaucracy that may hinder their hard and great work.

Let them hear your voice. You will be heard. Will they implement everything every person wants? No. But will they listen with open minds, hearts and passion? Absolutely. I certainly can't stop anyone from creating his or her own Facebook page or group. But I honestly believe that Ms. Montano's efforts are redundant and unnecessary since there is already a large group of people who have proven that they want to hear from us, the are listening and they are acting on our input. They deeply care and are eager to hear what you have to say. The group that you created ostensibly already exists and they are simply waiting to hear your voice the same way they heard many others and mine.

Together we will be stronger than segmented since we all have the same goal; to help build the best regional Catholic high school possible. Give them a chance to hear your voice. I predict you will be very pleased you did.

Mary M. Young
Feeding Hills

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 366 calls for service from Sept. 8 to Sept. 14. The department made eight arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Muhanad W. Hussein, 18, of 1274 Suffield St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended and passing in posted no pass zone.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Justin Michael Elliott, 25, of 211 Colemore St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on two default warrants for failure to appear.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Marilyn Rosario, 56, of 775 Springfield St., Apt. 4D, Agawam, was arrested on two counts of assault with a

dangerous weapon — pepper spray and disorderly conduct.

Jose Cortez, 43, of 419 Elm St., Apt. 1, West Springfield, was arrested on charges of assault and battery, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and three counts of assault and battery on a police officer.

Rosa Karina Chavez Saravia, 31, of 419 Elm St., Apt. 1, West Springfield, was arrested on charges of assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

Monday, Sept. 14

Jermaine L. Norfleet, 40, of 33 Norman Terrace, Apt. 71, Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Robert Piedra, 31, of 33 Norman Terrace, Apt. 15, Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Nicole Herbele, 40, of 32 Colony Road, West Springfield, was arrested on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 73 EMS calls from Sept. 8 to Sept. 14, and the following emergency response calls.

On Sept. 8 at 11:05 a.m., the department responded to Anvil Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Sept. 8 at 6:48 p.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for cooking fire, confined to container.

On Sept. 10 at 4:50 a.m., the department responded to Paul Revere Drive to assist police or other governmental agency.

On Sept. 10 at 10:46 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On Sept. 10 at 3:10 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Sept. 12 at 3:21 p.m., the department responded to Warren Street for citizen complaint.

On Sept. 13 at 9:35 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 13 at 12:54 p.m., the department responded to Red Fox Drive for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Sept. 13 at 6:08 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

Council rejects special police plan a 2nd time

By Gregory A. Scibelli
gscibelli@turley.com

The special police debate has been squashed again after the Agawam City Council last week voted down a revised proposal for the age of retirement for special police officers to be raised from 65 to 68.

Councilors Donald Rheault and Robert Rossi have been vocally against the Special Police retirement age being raised since it was first proposed in the spring. At that time, Mayor Richard Cohen had proposed raising the age to 70, but his proposal was quickly rejected by the council by a 7-4 vote. The ordinance would have needed eight votes to pass.

Debate went back and forth throughout the summer on a revised proposal by Cohen, who sought a compromise retirement age to 78.

The Sept. 6 vote of the City Council ended weeks of tabling the matter while more proposals and different options were considered.

“We have come up with different alternatives to solve this issue and presented them to the people who are supporting this, and we still cannot reach an agreement,” said Rossi. “There is no reason in the world we should be approving this. The retirement age of police officers in town is 65 and it is that way for a reason.”

Rossi went on to address what he considered to be the actual issue, coverage of road details.

Rossi said the town could adopt an ordinance that allows the use of “flagmen,” civilians who can be hired to direct traffic if

police and special police officers turn down or are unavailable to work road details. “I did some research and flagmen make about \$40 per hour,” said Rossi. “That’s pretty good to just stand there and hold a sign and direct traffic. So there is no reason we should continue this.”

The rejection of the special legislation also ended speculation about pursuing an ordinance that would allow special police officers to remain on the job for road details only until the age of 68. Special police officers over 65 would not have full police powers. Council President Christopher Johnson and Councilor James Cichetti were seeking to have more questions answered by the city solicitor about the proposed ordinance, but Rheault and Rossi spoke against getting the solicitor’s opinion.

Rheault said he hoped that the issue would not come back in front of the council.

“We have turned this down twice now,” said Rheault. “It’s very clear where this council stands on the issue, and we voted it down by a larger margin this time.”

Councilors Gina Letellier, George Bitzas and Paul Cavallo all voted in support of the special legislation. Letellier said she believed if an officer can pass the proper tests and physicals, he or she should be allowed to continue to work. Bitzas also supported the need to have additional officers to cover road details, something Agawam has had issues with in the past.

It is possible an ordinance could be brought forward, but no legislation has been drafted. No councilor publicly supported an ordinance for flagmen.

Legion Auxiliary to hold POW/MIA service at Storowton

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The American Legion Auxiliary will host a regional POW/MIA Remembrance Service on Friday, Sept. 18, at Storowton Village.

Maureen Cragen, Hampden County District 3 of the American Legion Auxiliary POW/MIA chairman, will lead the 9 a.m. service at the Meeting House at Storowton, the white church on the grounds of

the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Friday is National Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day.

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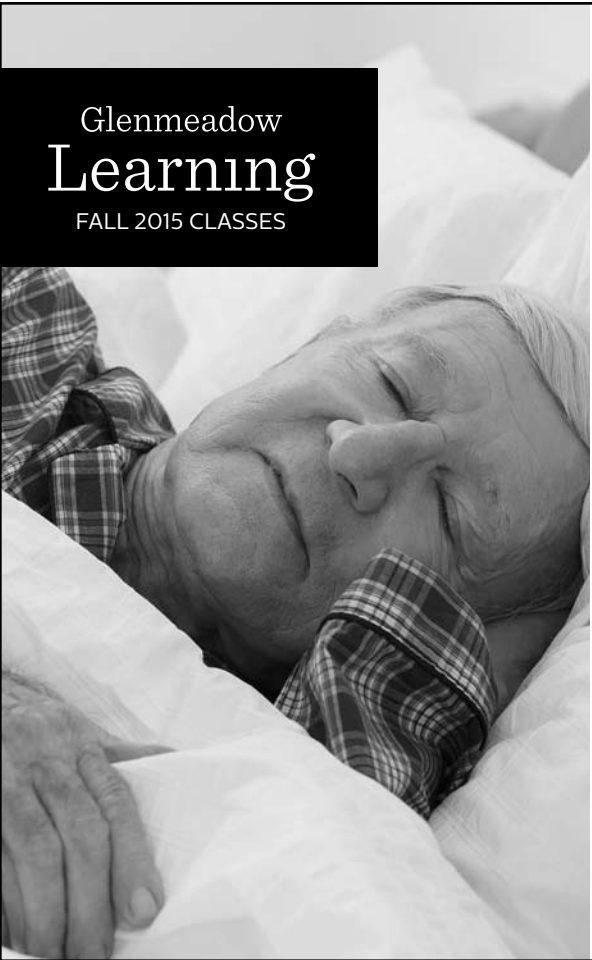
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The events will include lunch with ca- rafes of red and white wine on each table. Crackers, cheese and pepperoni will be

served on arrival. The family-style meal will consist of garden salad, pasta with home- made house sauce, roast turkey with gravy and Yankee pot roast, roasted potatoes, vegetable, dessert and beverage.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. W. Loman’s failed son

5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

8. Wanes

12. Lifeless geologic period

14. No (Scottish)

15. Filled chocolate cookie

16. Circular chordophones

18. Short-term memory

19. Any small compartment

20. Poisonous gas

21. Cologne

22. Scaleless fishes

23. Ormolu

26. Well-known & respected

30. Man-made river embankment

31. Yearned after something

32. Before

33. Garlic mayonnaise

34. California white oak

39. CNN’s founder

42. Removed contents

44. Frighten

46. Responded

47. “Extant” star

49. Aba _____

_____ Honeymoon

50. Box (abbr.)

51. Reptile leather

56. Norse goddess of old age

57. Drive obliquely, as of a nail

58. Inspire with love

59. Affirm positively

60. European sea eagle

61. Congresswoman

62. Emit coherent radiation

63. Fall back time

64. Masses of fish eggs

CLUES DOWN

1. Leavened rum cake

2. Moslem women’s garment

3. Quilting duo: _____ & Porter

4. S W Pacific state

5. The start of something

6. Edible

7. More coy

8. From 56 to 34 million years ago

9. Small wind

10. Disney heroine

11. Helios

13. Existing at birth but not hereditary

17. Paris river

24. Confined condition (abbr.)

25. More than charged

26. A major division of geological time

27. Japanese apricot

28. Initial public offering

29. A quantity of no importance

35. Securities market

36. Sharp part of a tool

37. Downwind

38. Doctor of Education

40. Built up

41. Borrowers

42. Stray

43. Country singer

44. Eurasian marten pelts

45. Fashion magazine

Marie _____

47. Turkish candy

48. Regarding

49. Distribute game cards

52. Princess Anne’s daughter

53. Planned pipeline from Burgas to Vlore

54. An academic gown

55. Removes moisture

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Women’s faith retreat this Saturday

The Women’s Ministry of St. David’s Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will hold a women’s retreat from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. The retreat is open to all women. To register, call the church office at 413-786-6133 or visit www.stdavidsagawam.org.

Hallie Cowan, the assistant regional director at Spiritual Formation and Prayer, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship New England, will lead the retreat. The day will be spent reflecting on how Jesus is the “Good Shepherd” and will include instruction on spiritual practices for beginners with un-

interrupted time available for experienced retreat participants to have with the Lord.

There will be a brief liturgy of morning prayer followed by a devotional talk on “He makes me lie down in green pastures,” fol- lowed by time for individual quiet reflec- tion. There is outdoor labyrinth for quiet time. A second discussion will look at “My sheep know my voice,” with more quiet for listening prayer. A boxed lunch will be provided.After lunch, participants will reflect on “Following faithfully in scary situations.” At the day’s end, there will be time to share experiences closing with evening prayer.

Legals

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 August 12, 2015

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'Ninjas' give thanks



Agawam FIRST Lego League Team 3632, the No Named Ninjas, thank Rocky's ACE Hardware in Agawam for allowing them to sell candy bars at the store on Sept. 13. The team also thanks the generous community that supported them. Back row, from left, are Area Director Dana Henry, Coach Mario Rua and Coach Wendy Rua. Front row, from left, are team members Jared Anziano, Samuel Garfield, Nicholas Finley, Gabriel Rua, Adam Ward and Christian Rua, team mentor. SUBMITTED PHOTO

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School menu was not available at presstime.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, Sept. 21: Whole-grain pancakes with turkey sausage, hash browns, baby carrots and ranch dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Sept. 22: Cheeseburger on whole-wheat roll with lettuce and tomatoes, French fries, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Sept. 23: Ziti with meatballs, whole-wheat breadstick, steamed broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Sept. 24: Chicken patty sandwich on whole-wheat roll, reduced-fat Doritos, steamed corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, Sept. 25: Cheese pizza round, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, baked cookie.

Girl Scout information session set for Monday

Parents and guardians of girls entering kindergarten through grade 12 are invited to a Girl Scout information and registration session on Monday, Sept. 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St.

Girl Scout representatives will share the benefits of Girl Scouting and make registration available for parents and guardians. The registration fee is \$25 for the membership year. Girl Scouting is the ultimate leadership experience available to all girls ages 5 to 17.

The event is free. Girls must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend.

For more information about the event, call Katie Chappell at 508-749-3604 or email khappell@gscwm.org.

For more information on Girl Scouts or to join online, visit www.girlscouts.org/join.

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Giving back

"We wanted to pick a local project to give back to the community this year — and what better people to give back to than the children of Agawam," she said.

Lopez decided to make the backpacks her project, and students who received them were thrilled. "It's perfect," said Natalie Jodoin, 9, after she picked out a dark teal backpack. "I really like the little tissues — they're adorable." The fourth grader at the Clark School said she was surprised when she heard her name called on speaker.

"I didn't know they were giving away the backpacks. It was a good way to start my day at school," she added.

Lopez said the club ordered the backpacks and supplies online after doing thorough research to compare prices: "We would have preferred to purchase everything locally, but we wanted to get the best pricing so we could order larger quantities for the children."

Stuffed by Rotarians

Once the backpacks and supplies arrived, club members spent two days stuffing the backpacks with packs of markers, colored pencils, glue, crayons, a yellow highlighter, a pen, scissors, No. 2 pencils,



Clark School fourth graders Kaylee Randall, 9, and Natalie Jodoin, 9, check out some of the school supplies stuffed inside backpacks they received from the Agawam Rotary Club.



Agawam Rotary Club President Madeline Lopez, second from the left, hands a student at Granger School a free backpack. Other club members who joined Lopez to distribute the backpacks to elementary school students included, from left, Dave Delancy, Robert Magovern, School Superintendent William Sapelli, George Bitzas and Michele Calvanese. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

tissues and a composition notebook. They also included a letter to parents explaining that the backpacks were donated by the Rotary.

The cost to purchase the Trailmaker-brand backpacks and the school supplies was \$2,000. The club raised \$1,000 through various fundraising events and that amount was matched by the district grant. Lopez said the club "ideally" would have liked to have given away the backpacks on the first day of school, but they didn't have them ready then.

She said it took a couple of months to organize the project and order backpacks. The club applied for a Rotary district grant, but had to wait until it received the grant to order everything.

"As much as we would have loved to distribute backpacks to all students, we just didn't have enough funding. That's why students were chosen through a raffle drawing," said Lopez.

Lopez said she enjoyed meeting the students and watching the delight on their faces when learning they were getting free backpacks. "It was very emotional. It gave me goosebumps. There is no greater gift than seeing the reaction of these kids."



Agawam Rotary Club President Madeline Lopez and club member Robert Magovern unload backpacks for students at the Clark School.

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the CPA.”

The announcement a few months ago that Main Street would be designated a “Purple Heart Trail” resonated with Kozloski.

Back in 2003, 12 years before the recognition of Main Street, the CPA approved its first project, a plaque commemorating George Washington’s path through Agawam during the Revolutionary War. The plaque is at the corner of Main and Federal streets.

“I remember that it happened so quickly,” said Kozloski. “We voted on it and it was up in just four months. It was such an important historical plaque to honor our first president and our general in the Revolutionary War.”

Kozloski said the first project meant a lot to him because it was the catalyst to move more projects along.

Over 15 years, 39 different projects have been funded, for a total of \$6.1 million in spending. Some of those have been for the same site. The Thomas Smith House, which is now fully preserved by the Historical Society, received funding five different times for projects between 2004 and 2009. The house was opened for tours in 2009 and is now regularly used during the warmer months for events, including a Halloween celebration.

School Street Park has also received multiple rounds of CPA funding, with the second phase of the park opening this year.

“If you look at that park, it’s so beautiful now,” said Kozloski. “It can be hard at the beginning when we vote on these projects to see the end result. But it came out great and that’s the great part about the CPA. We can do things like this and give Agawam great parks.”

Kozloski also emphasized the impact of smaller projects, which can help maintain the integrity of the existing recreation spaces and historical areas.

“We funded the roof at Shea Park for that building,” said Kozloski. “That’s an important project to keep that building up.”

The most recent funding approved by CPA is more than \$1 million for the athletic facility improvements at Agawam High School.

Mayor Richard Cohen also feted the work of Kozloski and the CPA Committee, saying for just about \$40 a year per home, Agawam has beautiful parks and other facilities. Kozloski was also honored last Monday night by the Agawam City Council with a citation.

CPA projects

The following projects have been funded by the Community Preservation Act in Agawam:

2003

George Washington Marker — \$1,276.40

2004

Perry Lane Bridge — \$4,778.25
Soccer Association — \$39,640
Captain Leonard House — \$16,990
McGrath Park — \$27,664.14
Thomas Smith House — \$14,300

2005

Learning Tree — \$18,057.80
Thomas Smith House — \$15,700
School Street Park — \$928,356

2006

Barn — \$6,300
Nadle Memorial Playscape — \$20,000
Thomas Smith House — \$64,000

2007

School Street Park — \$310,000
School Street Park — \$265,000
Barn — \$2,375
Housing Authority — \$248,757
Thomas Smith House — \$112,600

2008

Clerk’s Office Records — \$59,527.14
School Street Park — \$179,361
Granger School Backstop — \$4,793.13
Phelps School Playground — \$90,820
Barn — \$4,300

2009

Thomas Smith House — \$99,973.66

2010

Memorial Field Irrigation — \$6,186.85

2011

Laserfiche — \$7,612
Cemetery Signs — \$555

2012

Barn — \$61,750
School Street Park Design — \$125,000

2013

Recreation Signs — \$4,935
Borgatti Field — \$23,992.79
School Street Park, Phase 2 — \$1,800,000
Track Master Plan — \$20,000
Dog Park — \$14,145

2014

Park Benches — \$35,979.60
Veterans Green Irrigation — \$4,600
Anne Sullivan Memorial Irrigation — \$3,800

2015

Shea Park Building Roof — \$20,000
School Street Barn — \$435,000
High School Athletic Facilities — \$1,035,000

Total — \$6,133,125.76



The family of Cynthia Ayre have a sit at the new park bench donated by the Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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payer money,” said Cohen. “Communities are defined by the different things they offer. This is a great amenity that we can offer people who love dogs and want a place for them to run around. The dogs deserve to be able to enjoy the outdoors in a healthy and safe manner.”

Milliken calls the dog park a dream come true.

“Five years ago, I did not believe that something like this would have happened,” he said during the opening ceremonies. “I thank the town, the Stanton Foundation, the CPA, the council, and everyone from ADOG for making this a reality.”

Milliken also received a lot of credit from current ADOG President Deborah Sanchez.

“A man and his daughter put an ad in the Agawam Advertiser and there was standing room only at the library,” said Sanchez. “This has been a labor of love all the way through.”

Cohen said Milliken came to him with the request to create a dog park. With help from the town’s Planning and Recreation departments, ADOG applied to the Stanton Foundation for a grant.

“We got a response within four days that we had been approved for the grant,” said Cohen. “What impressed them most was the fact that this project was being driven by people in the community.”

There was a hiccup in the project when bids came in too high for the budget, but the plan was modified and the bid was awarded to J.L. Construction in April. The dog park includes two distinct areas, for larger and smaller dogs.

“It’s really convenient for us,” said Fred Borelli, an Agawam resident. “It’s great for sociability for the dogs.”

Eight-year-old Kate Berry said she enjoyed the fact there is a place for her littler dog, Madison, to play.

There is a secure gate to get into the park, then gates to access the large and small dog play areas. There is access to water for the animals, as well as obstacles and jumps for the dogs to use. Residents who visit the park are required to clean up their dogs waste, and volunteers from ADOG frequent the park to make sure people are following the rules of the park.

Following the ribbon cutting, many stayed to play with their dogs at the park and there were also numerous vendors advertising canine goods and services. ADOG also had a booth and is continuing to raise money for more amenities at the park.

A short ceremony was also hold to honor Cynthia Ayre, a local volunteer and member of the Realtor Association of the Pioneer Valley. The association donated a park bench with a plaque honoring Ayre at the dog park.

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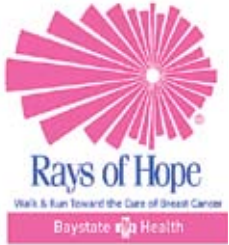
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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Brownies strike quickly to overwhelm Falcons

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - The Agawam football team made a very loud statement in their season opener for all to hear. Scoring five times in five first quarter possessions, they beat Minnechaug, 41-7, to open their season in grand fashion.

This one was over early. After the Brownies held the Falcons to three and out on the first possession, they forced a punt. The Brownies took over at midfield. The very first play from scrimmage set things in motion, as the Brownies ran for 51 yards and a touchdown. On the ensuing kickoff, Minnechaug fumbled and one play later, the Brownies were back in the end zone with a 14-0 lead. The next kickoff saw another fumble recovered by Agawam. They got the ball on the Minnechaug 20 and needed just three plays to make it 21-0. Another three and out and another punt gave Agawam the ball at their 37-yard line. This drive took just six plays. Eight minutes had been played and Agawam had four touchdowns. There was little that the Falcons could do

but to play as best as they could for the remaining 40 minutes.

The Falcons had the ball for about a 1:30 in their first series, but they could do little with it. Kyle Trombley completed three passes, but they series managed to be in negative yards. A penalty on first down set them back ten and then another 5 on Trombley's first completion. They gained back 14, but were still behind the original line of scrimmage when they punted on fourth down.

Agawam took over on their own 49 and on first down, Nicholas Scuderi broke through at the line of scrimmage and was off to the races. He ran it 51 yards for a touchdown. Agawam led 7-0.

The kickoff was fumbled by Minnechaug and recovered by Marino Cipriani at the Falcons' 29. Chris Morassi ran roughly the same play and the results were also the same. Now it was 14-0.

The next kickoff was also fumbled and recovered by Kyle Paynter at the Minnechaug 20-yard line. This time Agawam had to run three plays. On first, Marcus Williams ran 13 yards to the 7. Scuderi then went five and two for the touchdown.

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Agawam running back Max Molta (3) carries the ball around the end. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

SOCCER



WMA senior and Agawam native Katie Cronin has verbally committed to Bryant University to play soccer next fall. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED PHOTO BY WMA

Cronin commits to Bryant

WILBRAHAM - Whether it's in the classroom or on the athletic field, Wilbraham & Monson Academy sisters Katie and Carly Cronin share a lot of similarities.

As of three weeks ago, they learned they will share another similarity, too - where they attend college.

Katie verbally committed in early August to play Division 1 soccer at Bryant University, where Carly is currently a member of the lacrosse team.

"I'm very comfortable at Bryant because my sister plays lacrosse there," said Katie, who received a partial athletic and academic scholarship offer from Bryant. "Academically, they're an amazing school: they're ranked

top five in a number of their business programs, and soccer-wise the coaches have been nothing but supportive of me and my family. I can't wait to be a part of it.

"I've been to Bryant so many times to watch Carly's games and visit her on the weekends. I think overall Bryant just became a home to me."

Katie, a high honors student and member of the Teen Board at the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, also considered Providence College, Marist College, Quinnipiac University, St. Anselm College and Connecticut College. She's the first Bryant recruit from the Class of 2017.

Much like her sister, WMA girls

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FIELD HOCKEY

Lady Brownies earn tie with Minnechaug

Mercandante tallies in first half

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - The Agawam field hockey team may be making some noise this year, as they opened their season with a tie against perennial power, Minnechaug and then a convincing win over Amherst.

The action was slow for much of the game. The two teams were very cautious and played strong defense to prevent the possibility of breakaways. The Falcons got off a shot in the first minute by Julie Torchia from five feet in

the middle, but Nicki Bates, the Agawam goalie was right there for the stop. Thirty seconds later, Minnechaug had the first of many penalty corners.

Eliza Timms got off the first shot by the Brownies, some 3:30 in. It came the right side and went right through the crease. A minute after that, Agawam got a penalty corner. It would be their only one of the half and one of two on the day.

For the better part of the first half, the action remained in the middle of the field. Some 14 minutes passed before either team would have any consistent control of the ball. That would



Bianca Toto (3) gets ready to deliver a big hit. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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BOYS SOCCER

Keeper Moore shuts down Ludlow

By Tim Peterson

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW - Agawam senior goalkeeper Sean Moore had only made two starts for the boys' varsity soccer prior to this season. Both of the starts were 1-0 shut-out victories against the Chicopee Pacers when he was a freshman and a sophomore.

Moore was a punter/kicker on the Agawam football team last year, but he decided to return to the Brownies boys' soccer team this fall. He performed very well in the Brownies season opening match against Ludlow.



Agawam's Tym Regnier (9) makes a run down the middle of the field. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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Sports



Agawam lineman Jack Pouliot (66) provides protection for running back Dominic Grasseti (44). TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Agawam running back Dominic Grasseti (44) looks for big yardage on this run.

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Sam Christman was back this time for Minnechaug on the kickoff and he took it to the 30-yard line. Trombley ran for 7, but the series ended right there after two incomplete passes. Agawam got the ball at their 37. It was their fourth possession with just 3:15 played. This time they held on to the ball for almost four minutes, marching 63 yards to pay dirt. Max Molta ran for 10; Scuderi had seven and then Troy Gallerani completed a 34-yarder to Morassi. Agawam was now at the Minnechaug 12-yard line. Four plays later, Gallerani connected with Morassi for 18 yards and a touchdown. The score was 28-0.

In their next series, Minnechaug picked up a first down, gained 22 yards and had the ball for two minutes. They got as far as their 46 before giving it up on downs. Agawam went 46 yards on four plays on the ground — Scuderi for 2 and 7; Morassi for 29 and 8. With 11 seconds left in the first, they had their fifth touchdown and a 34-0 lead.

Christman took the kick to the 31 and Chris Jusczyk went for five to end the quarter. Minnechaug would have the ball for 2:30 in the second quarter, getting down to the Agawam 28, but would give it up on downs. The biggest plays were a 21 yard pass from Trombley to Christman on third-and-5 to get the ball to the Agawam 42 and a 17 yard run by Trombley, that gave them a first down at the 21.

The Brownies took over at their 29 and went 71 yards

on 12 plays for a 41-0 lead. The drive took 6:15. At the beginning of the drive, Jimmy Adams ran for 8, while Scuderi had 10 and Morassi, 7. Dominic Grasseti had four carries for 34 yards, two going for 11 and 14. The last one took them into the end zone. The teams traded possessions to run out the half. The score was 41-0.

Agawam took the second half kickoff and ran 9:24 off the clock as they went from their 15 to the Minnechaug 26. It was Grasseti with 5 for 18, Molta, 2 for 13 and Williams, 2 for 12, doing the heavy lifting.

Minnechaug got the ball at their 20 and picked up a first down as Trombley hit Drew Jobson for 16. In the fourth, the Falcons got the ball back with 11:17 on their 35 yard line. On first down, Trombley found the edge and then out ran everyone for a 65-yard touchdown. The extra point made it 41-7. The teams played it out for the next 11:00.

The Brownies put up 325 yards on the ground with nine different players carrying the ball. Scuderi led with 84 on seven carries, while Morassi had five for 76. Grasseti, who had a busy second half carried 12 times and made 70 yards. Molta was five for 40. On defense, the Brownies held Minnechaug to 162 total yards.

The Brownies will remain on the road against Chicopee next week.

Nate Rosenthal is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at dforbes@turley.com.

Garvin wins Conn. PGA Junior Player of the Year

SOUTH GLASTONBURY, Conn. – The Connecticut Section PGA has crowned its Junior Players of the Year. The Junior Golf Association annually awards Players of the Year titles in both boy and girl divisions, in the 13-18 and 10-12 age groups, with winners being determined by player performance points.

Winners of this year's Player of the Year honors are Noah Peterson, of East Longmeadow, in the Boys 13-18 Division, Angela Garvin, of Feeding Hills, in the Girls 13-18 Division, Ethan Kalk of South Glastonbury, Conn., in the Boys 10-12 Division, and Mia Hidalgo of Cheshire, Conn., in the Girls 10-12 Division.

Garvin, the Girls 13-18 Division Player of the Year, is a member of the Class of 2019 and earned a total of 1,285.00 points in the 12 events she entered this season. She finished in the top-3 in all 12 events, and recorded eight victories, including The Ledges Junior Open, the Junior Connecticut PGA Championship, the Fairview Farm Junior Classic, The Don Miklus Memorial Junior Open, the Frank Kringle Junior, the Ellington Ridge Camera Memorial, the John D. Wardlaw Memorial and the Hop Meadow Junior Open.

Over 15 rounds this summer, Garvin posted a stroke average of 76.26 and broke par twice. This is the third consecutive Player of the Year crown for Garvin, having previously earned the distinction in 2013 and 2014.

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soccer coach Don Nicholson said Katie can do so many things on the soccer field in so many ways.

"Although she is only entering her junior year, Katie is one of the most complete athletes that I have ever had the pleasure of coaching," coach Nicholson said. "Her athleticism, field knowledge and overall talent level allow her the unique capability of playing multiple positions on the soccer field. She has the ability to do this even over the course of a single game as she has played forward, midfielder and defender in a single match.

"The most important part of this ability is the fact that Katie thinks of the needs of the team first and is willing to do whatever she needs to do in order to put her teammates in the best possible position for success. Katie's unselfishness, positive attitude, quick smile and sheer athletic talent make her one of the most coachable players I have ever had within our program. I know Katie will continue to be an impact player for the Titans over the next two years and she will certainly be a tremendous addition to the Bryant University soccer program when she moves on to the next level."

Katie helped the Titans reach the final of the New England Class B tournament a year ago and she hopes to do the same in 2015.

"Obviously losing so many seniors, people are going to think it's a rebuilding year so the juniors and seniors really need to pick it up," she said. "But we're going to keep our goals the same and try to make it to the New England championship like last year and we're going to work until we get there."

COLLEGE NOTES

Rackliffe named MASCAC Co-Player of the Week

WESTFIELD - Framingham State junior and Feeding Hills native Alycia Rackliffe was named the MASCAC Women's Volleyball Co-Player of the Week.

She averaged 14.33 kills, 2.33 blocks with a .427 hitting percentage in a 2-1 week for the Rams. She tallied 17 kills and five blocks in the 3-1 win over the University of Southern Maine and 12 kills, a block and a .611 hitting percentage in a 3-0 win against Newbury College.

Noonan tallies for Fitchburg State

WORCESTER - Fitchburg State women's field hockey sophomore and Feeding Hills resident Casey Noonan scored the lone goal for her squad in a 7-1 loss to WPI on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Monahan helps out Owls

WESTFIELD - Agawam graduate Ashley Monahan placed 44th for the Westfield State women's cross country team at the Saratoga Invitational Cross Country meet hosted by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Saratoga Spa State Park on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Monaghan finished in a time of 19 minutes, 10.5 seconds.

Diamond Jaxx to hold tryouts

HAMPDEN - Western Mass Diamond Jaxx tryouts will be Saturday, Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. for any player who will be 10-13 years old next year.

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Sports

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be Minnechaug and over a minute between the 12th and 13th, they had three penalty corners, two within 20 seconds of one another.

The Falcons maintained control and had some pressure on Bates. In the 22nd minute, Mackenzie Murphy sent one wide of the goal.

Agawam was able to clear and for the first time in the game, they were able to apply their own pressure. It paid off in the 24th minute as they scored on pass from Kristen Fellion to Nicole Mercadante. Fellion was on the right side about 15 yards out. She passed in to Mercadante who was 8 yards out slightly to the right of the middle. She sent the shot into the right corner, past Jessica Henry and with 6:50 remaining in the half, Agawam had a 1-0 lead.

The Falcons got the ball back down into the Brownies' end and at 5:30 they got another penalty corner and then two more at 2:23 and 1:53. At 1:33 Lauren Kovarik was on goal from 10 yards. The ball bounced out to Torchia, who drove it just past Bates from 3 yards. That was the equalizer with 1:28 remaining in the half.

In the half, Henry needed to make but one save to the four by Bates. Minnechaug had a 6-1 edge in penalty corners.

That edge increased in just the first minute as the Falcons gained two more. The action slowed down until Jaileen Goncalves slid one across the crease in the 10th minute. Mercadante had a breakaway in the 15th minute and Kamryn Jebb was stopped by the defense in the 18th. With 11:38 to go, a minute after the Jebb shot, Minnechaug got its ninth corner to just one for Agawam. Off that, Torchia was on goal from 8 yards.

Agawam picked up its second penalty corner with 5:24 to play and two minutes after that, Fellion put one on-goal, where Henry had to make a stop. With 2:15 to go, Sydney Mazza sent one wide left from 15 yards away.

Just as time was running out, Minnechaug was awarded a penalty corner, but there was not enough time to set anything up and the game ended with the teams in a 1-1 tie.

Bates had seven saves on the day for Minnechaug.

The Brownies followed the tie with a big 6-0 win over Amherst. All of the scoring came in the first half. Mercadante had two goals, but the points leader was Morgan Durocher, who had four with a goal and three assists.

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Agawam's Nina Bruno (17) pushes the ball forward. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHTOS.COM



Agawam's Eliza Timms (8) looks down at the ball as she pushes it up the field.



Agawam's Maggie Durocher (5) follows through on her swing.

AHS athletics 21st annual Golf Tournament to be held Sept. 26

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department invites the public to participate in its 21st annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at Oak Ridge Country Club.

This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School programs. Student athletes do not pay fees at Agawam high school as some do in

other communities. Please join us for an enjoyable day and support a good cause.

If you would like to golf in the tournament or participate in any way, please contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic Office at 821-0529 or at dstratton@agawampublicschools.org.

Sign up forms are available in the Athletic Office as well.

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Moore recorded 10 saves in the road match and three of his teammates scored a goal in the 3-0 upset victory against the Lions in a non-league match, last Tuesday night, Sept. 8.

"I thought Ludlow had two or three great chances in the first half, but Sean came up huge for us tonight," said Agawam head coach Tom Smith. "He just played a great game and you wouldn't have known that he hadn't played soccer in a while."

Moore, who's 6-foot-4, grew up playing soccer with most of the players on the Brownies boys' varsity soccer team and it's one of the reasons he decided to come back for his senior season.

"The seniors have been playing soccer together forever," Smith said. "I think that's the reason why Sean wanted to come back. It's very nice having him back again this year."

The other seniors listed on the Brownies varsity roster are Brendan Garvey, Anthony Sciertelli, Eugene Cone, Mark Vilkovoy, Steve Ludtke, Cam Verville, Tym Regnier, Chris Noto, Justin Hersom, Nico Stellato and Tyler Wojcik.

The last time that the Brownies boys' soccer team defeated the Lions was back in 2011 by the final score of 1-0, but every game they've played against them has been very close.

A year ago, the Lions squeaked out a 3-2 victory against the Brownies. The game-winning goal was scored by Nick Dos Santos, who graduated last June, with 4 seconds remaining in regulation.

"It's always a very close game whenever we play against Ludlow," Smith said. "This is a very good win for us, but you can't win the Western Mass. Division 1 title in September. We just need to keep working hard the rest of the season."

Moore also echoed his head coach.

"It feels very good to beat Ludlow tonight, but it's only one game. We still have a lot of games left to play," he said. "It's also nice to get a shut-out victory, but I couldn't have done it without the help of my teammates. I also have to give a lot of the credit to my defense. We have a very strong defense this year."

The members of the Brownies defensive unit are Cone, Verville, Hersom, junior Dan Korotich and junior Jonny Kelly.

The Brownies, who scored two goals in the middle of the opening half, held a 2-0 halftime lead.

Their first goal was scored by junior forward Luis Nieves, who fired a low shot into the left corner of the net past Ludlow sophomore keeper Alec Albright (nine saves). Sciertelli was credited with the assist.

A couple of minutes later, Wojcik scored the Brownies second goal following a defensive mistake, which was assisted by Ludtke.

Garvey scored the Brownies third goal in the middle of the second half, which was unassisted.

Garvey, who has been a member of the varsity soccer team since he was a freshman, has now scored at least one goal every year that he's been playing for the team.

"Brendan has now scored at least one goal each year that he's been a member of the varsity team," Smith said. "There haven't been very many players who've done that at Agawam High School in the past. It's a very good accomplishment for him."

According to Smith, Garvey has also started every varsity soccer game that he's played in.

The Brownies also tied Longmeadow, 3-3, in their first Churchill Division game, last Friday night.

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OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Saturday, Sept. 19

THE ALLEN BIRD CLUB of Springfield will host a hawkwatch and picnic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Blueberry Hill, West Granville. Participants should bring a favorite main dish, side dish or dessert to share. Meet at the Phelon Forest parking lot on North Lane in Granville. Rain date: Sept. 20. For more information and directions, visit www.allenbirdclub.org.

Sunday, Sept. 20

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL DAY WITH KNOTTY PINE ANTIQUES from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

AREA TEENS ARE INVITED to Teen Lounge at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road, at 2:30 p.m. The Wii system will be set up and teens will decorate cupcakes.

SPRINGFIELD UNDER THE STARS will present a showing of "The Princess Bride" as part of its series of free outdoor movies, at Stearns Square park in downtown Springfield. A photo booth, refreshments and music will start at 5 p.m., followed by the movie at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit SpringfieldDowntown.com/Springfield-Under-The-Stars.

Thursday, Sept. 24

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Reflections on Classical Music Appreciation" featuring Kevin Rhodes, music director of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Sept. 25

CELEBRATE GRANBY will take place today from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Salmon Brook Park, Granby, Conn. It will include a carnival with games and rides, food vendors, live music, wine tastings and a car show.

Saturday, Sept. 26

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHWICK RAIL TRAIL AND THE SOUTHWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY will host a 1.8-mile historical guided walk on the rail trail at 10 a.m. The event is free. Food and beverages may be purchased at

Red Riding Hood's Basket, 108 Congamond Road. For more information, visit www.southwickrailtrail.org.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

SPRINGFIELD UNDER THE STARS will present a showing of "Office Space" as part of its series of free outdoor movies, at Stearns Square park in downtown Springfield. A photo booth, refreshments and music will start at 5 p.m., followed by the movie at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit SpringfieldDowntown.com/Springfield-Under-The-Stars.

Saturday, Oct. 3

THE TOLLAND COUNCIL ON AGING, in conjunction with Porchlight VNA of Lee will host a health fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Safety Complex, 206 W. Granville Road, Tolland and will include flu shots, chair massages, Reiki, information on Telehealth monitoring, nutritional counseling and information on SHINE.

Sunday, Oct. 4

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission \$1; kids under 10 free. Over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield will feature Sarah Briggs on violin, Jean Jeffries on French horn, and Monica Jakuc Leverett on piano at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email frigo9654@aol.com.

Saturday, Oct. 10

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER will host "Festa Italia! A Taste of Italy, Food and Wine," from 5-8 p.m. at the Cedars Banquet Hall, 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield. Free admission. Food tickets sold at the door for \$1 each. Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information, call 413-784-1492.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Saturday, Oct. 17

A VENDOR FAIR will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist parish center, 833 Main St. An eight-foot table will be provided at no charge. Free lunch is provided for all vendors and crafters. Application deadline is Sept. 19. For more information and applications, call Sandy at 413-786-8024.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will host a fall craft fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. All proceeds to benefit the church.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield will feature Mary Brown Bonacci, mezzo-soprano, Mark Frasesr on cello, and Estela Olevsky on piano at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email frigo9654@aol.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

SU MECK, AUTHOR, will be the featured speaker at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Springfield Technical Community College's Scibelli Hall Theater as part of its Oventions series. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Philip O'Donoghue at 413-755-4233 or email pcodonoghue@stcc.edu.

Saturday, Oct. 24

A CRAFT AND AGRICULTURAL FAIR sponsored by the Friends of the Southwick Public Library will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Southwick Town Hall, 454 College Highway and will include craft items and supplies, local products, a paperback book sale, raffle and refreshments. Free admission. For more information, call 413-569-6531.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

AGAWAM PARANORMAL PROGRAM at 6:30 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321

ONGOING

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Rectory conference room, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandline at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

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Wednesday, Sept. 23: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, diced peaches.
Thursday, Sept. 24: Roast pork, roasted potatoes and carrots, applesauce.
Friday, Sept. 25: Tomato Florentine soup, fish and cheese on a roll, cucumber dill salad, baked good.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Sept. 21: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 10 a.m., Fallon Insurance agent available; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
Tuesday, Sept. 22: SHINE representative available (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sew-

ing class; 10 a.m., Computer Tech Club meets, PACE, chair exercise; 12:30 p.m., movie ("A Chorus Line"), mah jongg, ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 3 p.m., COA meeting; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.
Wednesday, Sept. 23: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Agawam Golden Agers Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; Tobacco Valley Artists meeting.
Thursday, Sept. 24: no quilting during September; 9 a.m., exercise class; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., open art class, pitch, free blood pressure check by nurse Sherry; 6 p.m., cancer support group; 6:30 p.m., no pitch, evening line dancing.
Friday, Sept. 25: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta, nutrition talk with YMCA; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

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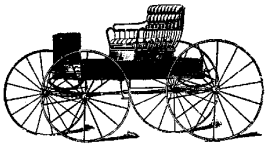
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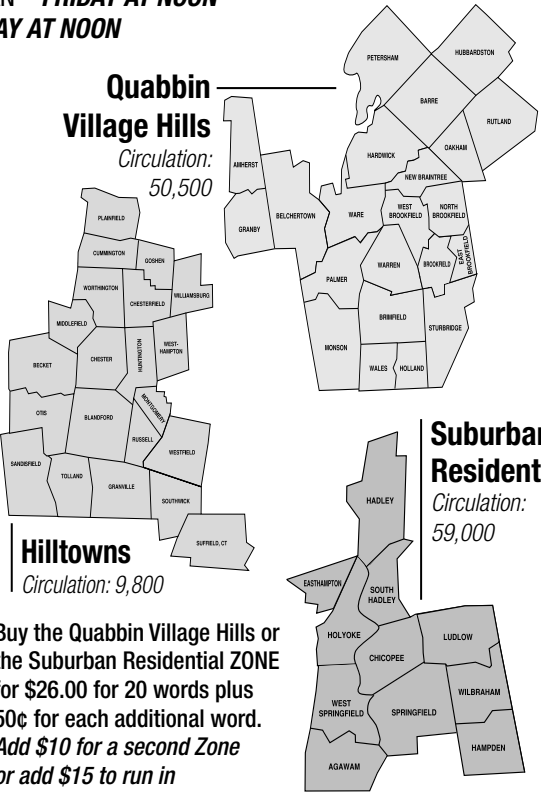
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The play, written in 1979 by Ernest Thompson, is the love story of a retired professor and his wife who are returning to their summer home on the pond for the 48th season. A mild heart attack brings them closer together as they realize that time is now against them, but they have had many good years, and perhaps another summer on Golden Pond still awaits. The play was made into a 1981 film starring Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn, both of whom won Oscars.

Actors in this production also include Karen Riedl and Joan Perkins-Smith of Southwick, along with three Connecticut residents. The director is Dorrie Mitchel of West Hartford, Conn. Technical support is by James McElroy of Springfield; set design and construction is by Jen Kowalski and Bill Rosendale of Westfield. Photography has been provided by Patricia Phillips of Southwick.

It will be presented on the Stage at Town Hall, 454 College Highway, Southwick, on Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 25-26 and Oct. 2-3 at 7 p.m. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Oct. 3. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$13 for seniors, and may be purchased at Farm Family Insurance, 504 College Highway, at Southwick Florist, 636 College



Agawam resident Adam Dabkowski, right, rehearses a scene from Southwick-On-Stage’s “On Golden Pond” with castmates Dana T. Ring, left, and Cliff Gibson. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY PATRICIA PHILLIPS

Highway, and at 413-831-6373.

Refreshments will be sold before the show and during a brief intermission.

Southwick-On-Stage is a division of the Southwick Cultural Council.

Are You Old News?



Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to aan@turley.com. Please include your first and last name.

Last week’s photo: Correctly identifying Stephen Gazillo was Lisa Maggi.



Local businesses among ‘Super 60’ honorees

SPRINGFIELD — Several Agawam businesses were named in the Springfield Regional Chamber’s annual “Super 60” awards.

The Super 60 program, now in its 26th year, celebrates the success of the highest-revenue and fastest-growing privately owned businesses in the region. Companies are selected based on their percentage of revenue growth over a full three-year period or total revenues for the latest fiscal year.

Among the business honored for total revenue were Sarat Ford-Lincoln, Bay State Elevator Co., Braman Chemical Enterprises Inc., Environmental Compliance Services Inc. and Specialty Bolt & Screw Inc., all in Agawam. Companies in this category had annual revenues in excess of \$4 million.

V&F Auto Inc., of Agawam, was among the companies honored for revenue growth. Companies in this category saw growth in excess of 20 percent.

“Small business is the backbone of our region, and the success of this year’s winners is a clear indication that our regional economy is strong,” said Springfield Regional Chamber President Jeffrey Ciuffreda.

To be considered, companies must be based in Hampden or Hampshire counties or be a member of the Springfield Regional Chamber, have revenues of at least \$1 million in the last fiscal year, be an independent and privately owned company, and be in business at least three full years.

Meet the artists at new gift shop

BellaNess, a handcrafted, upscale gift shop at 168 Elm St., Agawam, will host a grand opening from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1. The event will include artisans onsite for customers to meet, raffles and refreshments. All are welcome.

Grand opening



A grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Impressions Academy of Dance, 848 Suffield St., Agawam. Among those in attendance were Mayor Richard Cohen, state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga and George Bitzas, city councilor. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Look again



Left: Bradford Devillier, 9, had a twinkle in his eye as he prepared to toss a water balloon at the town’s Family Fun and Movie Night at School Street Park on Aug. 14. More photos were printed in the Aug. 20 edition of the Agawam Advertiser News. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY LISA BRISSON

Above: Isabella Kelley, 3, waits for her mother to pay for her popcorn at the concession stand as she anticipates watching “The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge out of Water” movie.

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Volunteers sought for river cleanup next Saturday

Several local groups are looking for volunteers to participate in the Source to Sea Cleanup next weekend.

The 19th annual multi-state event, coordinated by the Connecticut River Watershed Council, will include local cleanup sites along the Connecticut and Westfield rivers, and at Pynchon Point in Agawam where they meet.

Two groups will gather at Pynchon Point — off River Road near the Agawam Rotary — on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 26. The Agawam Rotary Club will begin its cleanup at 8 a.m. in the Pynchon Point parking lot. For more information, email chaffee.sara@gmail.com.

The Westfield River Watershed Association meets at 9 a.m. for an orientation. The group will provide gloves and trash bags, and arrange for the pickup of trash and debris recovered at each site. For more information, contact Sheryl Becker at 413-374-1921 or sherlearth69@gmail.com, or Bill Rose at 413-786-0195 or brose1564@gmail.com.

Volunteers are encouraged to contact group leaders as early as possible so they can plan ahead for the size of the group they will be leading. Some groups may have tasks, such as finding supplies, that can be done before the cleanup day.

Several other groups are looking for volunteers in neighboring towns:

- Friends of the Windsor Locks Canal, 9 a.m. on Saturday at the state park trailhead on Canal Road in Suffield; contact Karen Carlson, 860-668-0183 or carlka@sbcglobe.net.

- Resource Revolution, 8 a.m. on Saturday at the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club in North Riverfront Park, Springfield; contact Mickey Nowak at 413-246-3915 or mickey.nowak@unitedwater.com.



The Source to Sea Cleanup next weekend will clean up litter and dumping sites along the waterways of the Connecticut River basin, such as this tire dump in Greenfield. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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- Scantic River Watershed Association, 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Donald Barnes Boat Launch, Enfield; contact Betty Slanetz at 860-212-8000 or slanetz@att.net.

- Westfield River Watershed Association at 9 a.m. on Saturday at Meadow Street near the bridge in Westfield; contact Mark Damon at 413-572-9991 or markjdamon@gmail.com.

Additionally, according to the Connecticut River Watershed Association, watershed residents are encouraged to participate by reporting a trash site in need of cleaning, or organizing and registering their own cleanup groups. For more information or to register a group, visit www.ctriver.org/cleanup.

“If your group wants to get involved but needs a cleanup site, contact us to learn about reported trash sites that may be near you,” said Connecticut River Watershed Council cleanup coordinator Alicea Charamut. She can be reached at cleanup@ctriver.org or 860-704-0057.

Last year, more than 2,000 volunteers along the 410-mile Connecticut River basin hauled more than 47 tons of trash from riverbanks and waterways in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont. Volunteers use human power and sometimes heavy equipment to pull out everything from recyclables, fishing equipment and food waste to tires, televisions, refrigerators and junk cars. To date, volunteers have prevented more than 897 tons of trash from polluting the river and its tributaries.

For more information about the watershed council, visit www.ctriver.org.



The Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series continues Oct. 2 when Jimmy Mazz brings his Las Vegas Legends all-star tribute show to the Agawam Senior Center. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Vegas tribute at next Applause concert

The Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series continues its 12th season on Friday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center when Jimmy Mazz presents his Las Vegas Legends tribute show.

Las Vegas Legends is a musical journey through Mazz's favorite songs by a wide variety of performers from the yesterday's classics to today's contemporary artists. Mazz tributes include the Rat Pack and Nat King Cole, Louis Armstrong, Frankie Valli, “The King,” Elvis Presley, and “The Boss,” Bruce Springsteen; his impressions include the likes of Tom Jones, Tony Bennett and Neil Diamond.

The Agawam Senior Center is at 954 Main St. and can be reached by phone at 413-821-0604. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

More information is available at www.agawamcc.org.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

Citizens' Legislative Seminar next month

BOSTON — State Sen. Don Humason, R-Westfield, is seeking nominees to participate in the 75th Citizens' Legislative Seminar to be held Oct. 20-21 at the State House in Boston.

The two-day seminar features presentations by senators and staff on aspects of the day-to-day experience of legislators in the commonwealth. Topics will include the history and process of the Legislature, the parliamentary role of the clerk of the senate and the future of the Legislature. The seminar will walk participants through the legislative process, including how bills are introduced, debated, and passed. It culminates with a simulated legislative hearing and senate session where participants are invited to use what they have learned.

Interested residents in the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District are invited to contact Humason's district office at 413-568-1366 by Monday, Sept. 21, in order to be nominated by Humason. Seats are limited and nominations are taken on a first-come basis.

The district includes Agawam, Easthampton, Granville, Holyoke, Montgomery, Russell, Southampton, Southwick, Tolland and Westfield, and part of Chicopee.

Humason maintains a district office and encourages constituents to contact him there at 64 Noble St., Westfield, MA 01085, at 413-568-1366, or at his Boston office, State House, Room 213A, Boston, MA 02133, 617-722-1415. His email is Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov.

Wreath sale helps fight human trafficking

“Wreaths for a Reason” will display fall wreaths again this year at the Rotary Harvest Festival on Sunday, Oct. 17, at School Street Park.

According to Mary Ann Dietschler, founder, the reason behind the wreaths is to support efforts to rescue innocent children from human trafficking.

“Human trafficking is not a subject that people talk about, or want to think about because the horrors are unimaginable,” said Dietschler. “But after reading and watching documentaries on human trafficking, I knew I had to do something. Writing a check once a month wasn't enough, and I certainly couldn't go on a rescue operation, but I could use my God-given talent to make wreaths, and that is how Wreaths for a Reason was born.”

Since 2013 when Dietschler began her not-for-profit venture, she has sent over \$6,000 to support the rescue efforts of Operation Underground Railroad. She chose OUR because it rescues and rehabilitates the children. The men and women involved in the rescue efforts are former special agents, law enforcement officers, medical personnel and military veterans. They have drawn from past experience working with U.S. and foreign governments to create an effective rescue strategy.

Once the traffickers are located, OUR partners with foreign governments to set up a sting operation. Its recent merger with the Elizabeth Smart Foundation ensures that the children receive the help they



Wreaths for a Reason founder Mary Ann Dietschler, left, is pictured with volunteers Marilyn Creanza and Ann Marie Kibbe. SUBMITTED PHOTO

need to overcome the tremendous hurdles and challenges that follow liberation. The Smarts understand the victims' mental and emotional state of feeling scared and hopeless. Most can't recall what normal life was like before they became sex slaves. The founder of OUR, Tim Ballard, believes that human trafficking is the face of modern-day slavery and is every bit as outrageous as the slavery of the 1800s. Dietschler agrees and encourages everyone to learn more about Operation Underground Railroad at www.ourrescue.org.

“Wreaths for a Reason,” Dietschler said, “exists to support the efforts of OUR. All the proceeds from wreath sales go directly to OUR. In fact, we ask that checks be made payable to them and not to us. We only ask for a \$5 cash donation to replenish supplies. Buying a wreath from us is a win-win situation because along with your charitable tax donation to OUR., you get a one-of-a-kind beautiful custom wreath.”

For more information, visit www.wreathsforareason.net. They will also be at the Agawam Senior Center Craft Fair on Nov. 21 and St. Mary's craft fair in Longmeadow on Dec. 5.

Cancer House of Hope seeks jewelry donations

WEST SPRINGFIELD —The Cancer House of Hope will host its Vintage and Costumer Jewelry Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at CHD, 246 Park St., West Springfield.

CHD is seeking donations of vintage and costume jewelry in any amount to prepare for the sale. Donations such as hatboxes, vintage hats, fashion scarves, ladies' gloves, retro handbags, old jewelry boxes, men's cuff links and tie tacks are all accepted and appreciated. For donation drop-off information, call CHD at 413-733-1858 or stop in Monday through Friday from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m.

The CHD Cancer House of Hope is a nonprofit organization at 1999 Westfield St., West Springfield. The house provides compassion, support, knowledge, and free programs and services to those with cancer, those who have had cancer and their families and friends. All services are free of charge and no referrals are necessary. Cancer House of Hope is funded through events such as this one plus the generosity of foundations and individual donors.

For more information about CHD, visit www.chd.org.